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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 37-70 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 37-70 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 37-70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bennett et al. (U.S. Patent Publication Number 2002/0112014).

Regarding claim 37, Bennet et al. discloses a telecommunications services apparatus for use with a mobile telephone network utilising a first message delivery function, the apparatus comprising routing means for identifying a characteristic in a message signal received in the telephone network, and message processing means for translating a short form destination address in the message signal into a full destination address for a second message delivery function, the address translation being effected using a predefined syntax (which reads on paragraphs 0006 -0007), and the routing means being operable to send the message signal to the message processing means in response to identification of the characteristic in the message signal, wherein the characteristic in the message signal to be identified by the routing means is when the destination address is in alphanumeric form, and wherein the alphanumeric destination address is carried within an SMS destination address field (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 38, Bennet et al. discloses a including message delivery means for forwarding the message signal to the translated full destination address according to the second message delivery function (which reads on paragraph 0006-007), the message delivery means being additionally operable to receive a reply message signal from the original destination address and to forward the reply message signal to the message processing means for enabling translation of the reply destination address into accord with the first message delivery function such that the reply message signal may be sent to the originator of the original message signal (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 39, Bennet et al. discloses a first message delivery function is a mobile network text message function (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 40, Bennet et al. discloses a mobile network text message function is in accordance with the short message service (SMS) (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 41, Bennet et al. discloses a second message delivery function is an email function (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 42, Bennet et al. discloses a translation according to the predefined syntax involves adding a specific service provider email domain to the short form destination address (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 43, Bennet et al. discloses a translation according to the predefined syntax is invoked when the short form destination address includes one or more predetermined characters (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 44, Bennet et al. discloses a translation according to the predefined syntax is invoked when the short form destination address ends with the one or more predetermined characters (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 45, Bennet et al. discloses a predetermined character is "@" (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 46, Bennet et al. discloses a predetermined characters are "@" followed by one or more other characters identifying corresponding specific service providers to enable translation to the respective service provider email domain (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 47, Bennet et al. discloses a second message delivery function is a VPN function (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 48, Bennet et al. discloses a second message delivery function is in accordance with the short message service (SMS) (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 49, Bennet et al. discloses a translation according to the predefined syntax is invoked when the short form destination address includes one or more predetermined characters (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

Regarding claim 50-67, Bennet et al. discloses a translation according to the predefined syntax is invoked when the short form destination address ends with the one or more predetermined characters (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).


Regarding claims 68-70, Bennet et al. discloses a message signal routing is performed by an SMS router (which reads on paragraph 0019-030).

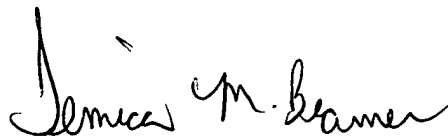
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheila B. Smith whose telephone number is (571)272-7847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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